Bill to prevent the dedication of women to Hindu Temples in the State of Cochin.

Mrs. G. Pavitran.—I beg to move that the Bill to prevent the dedication of women to Hindu temples in the State of Cochin be taken up and passed.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I second it.

Motion put and agreed to.

Bill to amend the Law relating to the dissolution of Muslim marriages.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Sir, I beg leave to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law Relating to the Dissolution of Muslim marriages.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—I second it.

Motion put and agreed to.

Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest—(*contd.*).

1. Appointments in the State Service (*contd.*).

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Sir, a doubt has been expressed by the Hon'ble Member for Trichur whether in making new appointments the claims of persons who have already held acting appointments should be overlooked and preference be given to persons belonging to the unrepresented communities. My object is far from it. I do not ask for any such particular favour to be done to us. Consistent with the claims of other people you can do a great deal for us. My complaint has been that the uninfluential communities, or the unrepresented communities have been thrown in the background and they have never been given any encouragement. They have not been given their legitimate rights. So it is not my object that the rights of all the other communities should be wiped off and preference should be given to the unrepresented communities. Sir, facts are facts and you have seen what they are here. Now all the Heads of Departments are caste-Hindus, I do not blame the caste-Hindus for being the Heads of Departments. That indicates something. That such a very large community which forms almost one-fourth of the total population of the State has been in the background, or has been thrown in the background and has not been given any encouragement is evident. I have absolutely no quarrel with the Christian community either; I do not want to take away their right. My complaint is certain communities have been more fortunate for some reason or other and they have been fortunate in securing almost all the appointments in the service. We have not been getting our share. The Christian community might have been

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